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A Visionary Series



Lesson 3

Lesson Title: Life is Hard, Church Should Help

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It's no secret. Life is hard, and we are constantly being challenged by a world that is dying. That's why we are all about creating life-giving environments that mobilize God to do something incredible in your every day life. Prayer, worship, teaching and counseling all work together to create an atmosphere charged with expectation. (*Matthew 19:26, James 5:13-15, Col 1:9, 1CO 12:7, Psalms 23:3, Heb 13:15*)

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But **with God** everything is possible." *New Living Translation-SE*

Six ways to help God help you

1. Prayer for Christians

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. *13* I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis. *New Living Translation-SE*

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2. Prayer for Non-Christians

Acts 16:31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you **and your household.**” *New International Version*

Matthew 9:37 He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. **38** So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; **ask him to send more workers** into his fields.” *New Living Translation-SE*

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3. Prayer for yourself

Mark 11:24 I tell you, **you can pray for anything,** and **if you believe** that you’ve received it, it will be yours. *New Living Translation-SE*

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4. Healing

James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.**15** And **the prayer offered in faith** will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, **he will be forgiven.** *New International Version*

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5. Through Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. **He alone decides which gift each person should have.** *New Living Translation-SE*

1 Corinthians 14:1 Let love be your highest goal! But you should also **desire** the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. *New Living Translation-SE*

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6. Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and **the source of all comfort.** **4** He comforts us in all our troubles **so** that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. *New Living Translation-SE*